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S E C R E T SAVIN 2/H3:MCK/R 437-66 SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR TWO AND FINAL TO 2/H3/VCK/R434-66 DTG: 16/8954Z SEP 66. DRV MIG DAMAGED IN AIR ENGAGEMENT NOJHEAST OF HANDI. BETWEEN 8848Z ANB 8982Z ON 16 SEP T 66, DRV TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES FROM HANDI REFLECTED AN AIR ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN FOUR POSSIBLY FIVE DRV MIGS AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF HOSTILEAIRCRAFT, WHICH GSZULTED IN ONE DRV MIG BEING DAMAGED. THE MIGS WERE INITIALLLY REFLECTED AT Ø84ØZ AT AN ALTITUDE OF 22968 FT. AT 8842Z ONE MIG PILOT REFLECTED HE COULD SEE MANYHOSTILE ACFT IN THE VICINITY OF HIGHNAY DNE. THE GCI CONTROLLER INSTRUCTED THE MIGS TO INCREASE GRAND TO RIGHT FRONT 11NM AWAY. THE FLIGHT LEADER OF THE MIG ACFT AT 8843Z REFLECTED THAT THE HOSTILE ACFT WERE STRIKING ALONG HIGHWAY ONE. THE GCI CONTROLLER THEN DIRECTED THE MIGS TO INCREASE GUARD TO LEFTHAND STATED THE HOSTILE ACFT WERE GOING TOWARDS HAI DUONG (21-56N,186-21E) AT AN ALTITUDE OF 6560FT. THE FLIGHT LEADER THEN REPORTED THAT ONE F-105 WAS LEAVING AND WAS GOING LEFT VERY FAST. HE THEN REFLECTED THE F-105 HAD TURNED AROUND AND WAS DESCENDING VERY LOW. THE FLIGHT LEADER AT 0844Z ORDERED HIS PILOTS TO STAY TOGETHER AND GUARD TO LEFT BECAUSE MORE HOSTILES WERE COMING INTO THE AREA. AT 8845Z ONE PILOT REFLECTED HE COULD SEE F-4S. THE FLIGHT LEADER THEN DIRECTED THE MIGS TO GUARD TO THE REAR, THAT HOSTILES WERE TO THE REAR AND TO THE LEFT THE GCI CONTROLLER INFORMED THE MIGS THAT THE HUSTILE ACFT HERE DESCENDING ON THEM. THE FLIGHT LEADER IMMEDIATELLY ORDERED THE MIGS TO TURN, MANEUVER, AND GUARD TO REAR. ONE PILOT REFLECTED HE WAS POSSIBLY BAILING OUT. AT \$8482 ANOTHER PIKOT STATED AN ACFT HAS BURNING. THE FLIGGHT LEADER CONTINUED TO MARN THE MIGS TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE REAR AND MANEUVER. A MIG PILOT THEN INDICATED HE HAS MOUNDED AND HIS ACFT WAS DAMAGED, AT #849Z THE GCI CONTROLLER DIRECTED THE MIGS TO ATTACK AND STATED THAT ANOTH UNIT FROM HANDI WAS GOING TO FLY COVER FOR THEM. ONE MIG PILOT THEN REPORTED HE COULD SEE AN F-185 AND ALERTED HIS COMRADES TO PAY ATTENTION AND MANEUVER. AT \$852Z THE POSSIBLE AIRFIELD CONTROLLER ORDERED THE MIGS L RECOVER AND TAKE A COURSE OF 270 DEGREES. THE GCI CONTROLLER THEN ORDERED THE MIGS TO TURN AROUND AND ATTACK IMMEDIATELLY. THE PILOTS THEN INDICATED THERE HERE MANY MANY HOSTILES THERE. THE GCI CONTROLLER CHANGED THE ORDER AND TOLD THE MIGS TO RECOVER. THE ACFT WERE LAST NOTED AT 8982Z LANDING AT HANDI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD. COMMENTS: AVAILABLE SIGINT DOEW.NOT INDICATE DOWNING OF EITHER FRIENDLY OR HOSTILE ACFT DURING THIS ENGAGEMENT.600 HIMM